[Mr. R. M. Statham]

of the above information. Government do not therefore propose to call for the list.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): May I know whether the number of transfers made by an officer forms one of the criteria to test his efficiency?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): Certainly not.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): May I know whether the officers are asked to assign reasons for making so many transfers?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): In the case of English School teachers, yes. In the case of Vernacular School teachers, no.

MR. T. K. VELU PILAI (*Trivandrum-Urban*): Is there any rule in the department that, so far as it is possible, teachers may be kept only in their native places?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): There is no such rule although officers have been advised in that way.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*): May I know whether there is not a list kept by the Inspector of Vernacular Schools showing such transfers?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): I have already answered that Government do not think it worth while to prepare the list. There are a very large number of transfers in that branch of the department.

Construction of buildings for the Trivandrum District and Munsiffs' Courts.

306. *MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): Will the Government be pleased to state what steps have been taken by them for the construction of suitable buildings for the Trivandrum District and Munsiffs' Courts?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): As Government are not in a position to ear-mark the funds required for the purpose just at present, no steps towards the construction of the buildings have been taken.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): May I know whether Government are aware that the Civil and Criminal Courts in the town of Trivandrum are situated at different corners of the town?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): Government know exactly where they are situated.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): May I know whether Government are not aware that Vakils who practise in both Civil and Criminal Courts are put to a lot of inconvenience and it also necessitates dislocation of work in the various courts?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): I am not in a position to answer.

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MR. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): May I know whether Government are convinced of the need for the reconstruction of the buildings?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): Yes.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): Are the Government aware that various representations have been made in the old Sri Mulam Popular Assembly regarding this?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): Yes.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): When the work of reconstruction of these buildings is taken into consideration, may I know whether Government would see that all these court-houses are located in one place?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): That will be considered.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*): May I know whether there was a scheme some time back to reconstruct the buildings?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): I claim notice.

Repair of two chiras in the Mavelikara taluk.

307. ❋ MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Will the Government be pleased to state the steps taken by the Chief Engineer on my letter dated 4-6-1109 regarding the immediate repair of Kottakkonam *chira* and the Nelpurakkadavu *chira* in the Mavelikara taluk?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): An estimate has been submitted by the Executive Engineer, Quilon, for forming the flood bank on the left bank of the Achenkoil river. As this alone would not be an effective preventive against floods, the Chief Engineer has called for further proposals. As for Nelpurakkadavu *chira*, the bund has been put up.

Technical Institutes.

308. ❋ MR. J. M. JOSEPH (*Nominated*): Will the Government b pleased to state how many institutes simlar to the S. M. R. V. Technical Institute, Nagercoil, are run by the Government and where they are?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): Five institutions, *viz.*,

(1) School of Arts, Trivandrum.
(2) Central Technological Institute, Trivandrum.
(3) S. M. T. School, Trivandrum.
(4) Carpentry School, Quilon,
(5) School of Commerce, Alleppey.

Besides the above, some cottage industries, such as Dyeing and Printing, Durrie and Carpet-making, Tanning and Rattan-work, are also taught at head-quarters.

MR. J. M. JOSEPH (*Nominated*): May I know whether there are institutes run by private agencies in the State?

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